## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method in the on-line finishing of a paper machine has the successive finishing stages of at least precalendering (12) and coating (13). A tail is formed from a paper web and is taken through the finishing stages (12, 13) and then spread to the full width. Prior to starting the tail threading procedure of the following finishing stage (12, 13) this finishing stage (12, 13) is set to the production settings while the paper web is spread in its full width. The invention also relates to an arrangement in the on-line finishing of the paper machine.

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